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Date Complaint Received:	12/10/13
Complaint Received By:	M. Noddings
Provider Name and Location:	Rhonda Thomas 614 S. 15 th St. Council Bluffs, IA 51501

Complaint: Provider's boyfriend, Scott (father of her children) and his father, are living in the home. Boyfriend is an alcoholic (drinking) and threw a tv when daycare kids were present (Nov. 13 – Nov. 19th). The family took their children out of the daycare and put them somewhere else. Provider has friend, Russell also residing in the home. During CCR visit, boyfriend was present. Provider reported he was just there visiting.

Rule Basis: 110.5(2)(a),

Findings: When DHS arrived to the home there were two males present in the home with daycare provider. They identified themselves as Nate and Russ (family members). Nate reported he lives with an aunt on 6th Ave. Russ reported he was living at 2745 Ave. E. They reported just visiting but this writer observed mens coats and boots in the home. Rhonda stated Nate will not be allowed to stay there and inquired into how to have Russ approved to be part of the household and to be able to sub for her.

Rhonda denied that Scott recently through a TV in the home when daycare children were present. She doesn't know why someone would report that. Scott has been in the home when daycare children are present. Scott has a record and would likely not pass a background check to be in the home.

Resolution: DHS compliance reviewed DHS policy and both Nate and Russ left the residence. Provider agreed to not allow either man in the home during daycare hours. A corrective action plan was created and provider signed agreement. The corrective action plan stated the following: 1) Rhonda will call central office by 12/16/13 to obtain background check and information on how to add members to household composition for registration. 2) DHS will contact Rhonda by 12/19/13 to verify she has completed the 1st step. 3) Russ and Nate will not be in the home during daycare hours/when daycare children are present. 4) Russ will be added to registration in the next 30-45 days. 5) Scott will not be present when daycare children are present. 6) DHS discussed ways to keep children and self safe from any DV situations concerning Scott (including what would happen if DV occurs in the home in front of own children and a founded abuse assessment). 7) DHS will re-check home in 45 days.

Provider agreed to not allow Scott in the home and stated she would seek out another place for Scott to have visits with his children.

If you have any questions regarding this matter feel free to contact me at (712) 328 - 5713 or email address mnoddin@dhs.state.ia.us.

Sincerely,

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